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In The Claims:

1. (previously presented): An asset management advice system comprising:  
a database storing purchase and sale signals relating to assets to be traded in a

5 market; and

a data processing means for both producing a suitable investment scenario when  
user's property information is input from a user terminal via a prescribed communication  
mechanism, referring to the purchase and sale signals to send management advice data based  
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C1 10 the investment scenario to the user terminal, and performing an asset transaction in  
accordance with a response to the management advice data from the user terminal, wherein,  
the user can select either a real mode in which to access the market to perform real time actual  
asset transactions made by the data processing means, or a virtual mode in which the  
transactions are performed virtually without making an actual asset transaction, and the  
15 results are tracked using actual market results as if an actual transaction had been made in the  
market.

2 2. (previously presented): An asset management advice system according to  
claim 1 wherein, data relating to prices, the amount of remains and the volume of trading of  
20 assets to be traded is utilized as parameters for the purchase and sale signals.

3 3. (previously presented): An asset management advice system according to claim 2  
wherein, quantitative data relating to assets to be traded and their sources is also utilized as

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parameters for the purchase and sale signals.

4 4. (previously presented): An asset management advice system according to claim 2 wherein, qualitative data relating to assets to be traded and their sources is also utilized as parameters for the purchase and sale signals.

5 5. (previously presented): An asset management advice system according to claim 2 wherein, quantitative macro information data in the locations of sources and transaction regions of assets to be traded is also utilized as parameters for the purchase and sale signals.

6 6. (previously presented): An asset management advice system according to claim 2 wherein, qualitative macro information data in the locations of sources and transaction regions of assets to be traded is also utilized as parameters for the purchase and sale signals.

15 7. (previously presented): An asset management advice system according to claim 1 wherein, the data processing means automatically collects data concerning the purchase and sale signals relating to an asset recommended by the investment scenario and data constituting parameters for them to update the database.

20 8. (previously presented): An asset management advice system according to claim 1 wherein, the data processing means produces a plurality of investment scenarios with different characteristics and produces management advice data based on one investment scenario of them in accordance with the user's selection.

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9 9. (original): An asset management advice system according to claim 8 wherein, an animation character is set for each investment scenario and the character operates in accordance with the management advice data, to be an interface with the user.

5 10 10. (original): An asset management advice system according to claim 9 wherein, the data processing means stores management performance records for a past prescribed period of each investment scenario and the management performance records together with the animation character are presented to the user.

10 11 11. (previously presented): An asset management advice system according to claim 8 wherein, the data processing means automatically collects data concerning the purchase and sale signals relating to an asset recommended in accordance with the characteristics of each scenario and data constituting parameters for them to update the database.

15 12 12. (previously presented): An asset management advice system according to claim 1 wherein, the data processing means automatically collects data concerning the purchase and sale signals relating to user's holding assets and data constituting parameters for them to update the database.

20 13. (canceled)

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13 14. (currently amended) An asset management advice system comprising:

a communication means for connection to a database storing purchase and sale signals relating to assets to be traded in a market;

a data processing means for producing a suitable investment scenario when a user's  
5 property information is inputted from a prescribed input means, referring to the purchase and sale signals to provide management advice data based on the investment scenario to the user user, and selectively performing an actual or virtual asset transaction in accordance with the user's response to the management advice data;

the data processing means further producing a plurality of investment scenarios with  
10 different characteristics, and management advice data based on one of said investment scenarios selected by the user; and

C1 an animation character being set for each investment scenario, the character operates in accordance with the management advice data, to be an interface with the user.

15 14 15. (previously presented): An asset management advice system according to claim 14 13 wherein, data relating to prices, the amount of remains and the volume of trading of assets to be traded is utilized as parameters for the purchase and sale signals.

15 16. (previously presented): An asset management advice system according to claim  
20 14 15 wherein, quantitative data relating to assets to be traded and their sources is also utilized as parameters for the purchase and sale signals.

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16 ~~17~~ (previously presented): An asset management advice system according to claim  
15 wherein, qualitative data relating to assets to be traded and their sources is also utilized as  
parameters for the purchase and sale signals.

5 17 ~~18~~ (previously presented): An asset management advice system according to claim ~~15~~  
wherein, quantitative macro information data in the locations of sources and transaction  
regions of assets to be traded is also utilized as parameters for the purchase and sale signals.

C1 10 18 ~~19~~ (previously presented): An asset management advice system according to  
claim ~~15~~ wherein, qualitative macro information data in the locations of sources and  
transaction regions of assets to be traded is also utilized as parameters for the purchase and  
sale signals.

15 13 ~~19~~ 20. (previously presented): An asset management advice system according to claim  
14 wherein, the data processing means automatically collects data concerning the purchase  
and sale signals relating to an asset recommended by the investment scenario and data  
constituting parameters for them to update the database.

20 ~~21. (canceled).~~

~~22. (canceled).~~

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20 23. (previously presented): An asset management advice system according to claim 14  
wherein, the data processing means stores management performance records for a past  
prescribed period of each investment scenario, and the management performance records  
together with the animation character are presented to the user.

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21 24. (previously presented): An asset management advice system according to claim  
13 14 wherein, the data processing means automatically collects data concerning the purchase  
and sale signals relating to an asset recommended in accordance with the characteristics of  
each scenario, and data constituting parameters for them to update the database.

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22 25. (previously presented): An asset management advice system according to claim 14  
wherein, the data processing means automatically collects data concerning the purchase and  
sale signals relating to the user's holding assets and data constituting parameters for them to  
update the database.

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23 26. (previously presented) An asset management advice system according to claim 14  
wherein, the user can select either a real mode in which to access the market to perform actual  
asset transactions made by the data processing means in real time, or a virtual mode in which  
the asset transaction are performed virtually and with no access to the market.

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24 27. (previously presented): A recording medium recording an asset management  
advice program that makes a data processing unit perform steps comprising:

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a scenario producing process of producing a suitable investment scenario when a user's property information is provided as an input;

a management advising process of referring to purchase and sale signals relating to an asset to be traded and stored in a database to produce management advice data based on the investment scenario; and

a trading process of performing an asset transaction in accordance with the user's response to the management advice data, wherein in the trading process the user can select either a real mode in which to access the market to make actual transactions, or a virtual mode to make transactions virtually using actual market values at the time without making an actual asset transaction, and the results are tracked using actual market results as if an actual transaction had been made in the market.

25 28. (previously presented): A recording medium according to claim 27 wherein, the asset management advice program further comprises a process in which a data processing unit automatically collects data concerning the purchase and sale signals relating to an asset recommended by the investment scenario and data constituting parameters for them to update the database.

26 29. (previously presented): A recording medium according to claim 27 wherein, in the scenario producing process a plurality of investment scenarios with different characteristics are produced, and the user selects one investment scenario therefrom.

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27 30. (previously presented): A recording medium according to claim 26 wherein, in the scenario producing process an animation character is set for each investment scenario, and in the management advising process the character operates in accordance with the management advice data, for providing an interface with the user.

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28 31. (previously presented): A recording medium according to claim 27 wherein, the asset management advice program further comprises a process of storing management performance records for a past prescribed period of each investment scenario, and in the management advising process the management performance records together with the animation character are presented to the user.

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CU 29 32. (previously presented): A recording medium according to claim 26 wherein, the asset management advice program further comprises a process of automatically collecting data concerning the purchase and sale signals relating to an asset recommended in accordance with the characteristics of each scenario, and data constituting parameters for them to update the database.

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30 33. (previously presented): A recording medium according to claim 24 wherein, the asset management advice program further comprises a process of automatically collecting data concerning the purchase and sale signals relating to the user's holding assets and data constituting parameters for them to update the database.

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✓ 34. (canceled).